

COUNTY OF KAUAI
Minutes of Meeting
OPEN SESSION

Board/Committee:		Committee on the Status of Women		Meeting Date	June 15, 2016
Location	Mo`ikeha Building – Meeting Room 2A/B			Start of Meeting: 5:08 p.m.	End of Meeting: 5:35 p.m.
Present	Chair Virginia Beck; Members: Edie Ignacio-Neumiller, Sharon Lasker and Liza Cabal-Trinidad; Ex-Officio Lisa Ellen Smith Also present: Board & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Mercedes Omo; Administrator Jay Furfaro and Deputy County Attorney Mahealani Krafft				
Excused	Kathy Crowell				
Absent	Vice Chair Jenai Yoshi and Erika Valente				
SUBJECT		DISCUSSION			ACTION
Call To Order		Prior to the start of the meeting, Chair Beck announced that today is Liza’s last meeting and would like to this time to thank Liza for all that she has done for the Committee.			Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. with four (4) members present constituting a quorum.
Approval of Minutes		Regular Open Session Minutes of April 20, 2016.			Mg. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to approve the meeting minutes. Ms. Lasker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0
Communication		Letter of resignation dated June 1, 2016 from Suzanne Ellis to Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.			Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to receive the letter of resignation dated June 1, 2016 from Suzanne Ellis to Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho Jr. Ms. Lasker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0
Election of new Secretary		Chair Beck stated that with the recent resignations of Ms. Ellis and Ms. Cabal-Trinidad, the Committee would be left with only six (6) active members, which according to the by-laws the Committee shall not consist of less than seven (7) regular members. Therefore she felt that it would be appropriate to defer the selection of a new secretary until the Mayor appoints a seventh member to the Committee to which all present members agreed.			Ms. Lasker moved to defer the election of a new secretary to the next meeting. Ms. Cabal-Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0

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Business CSW 2015-07	<p><u>Update by Hawai‘i State Commissioner on the Status of Women Lisa Ellen Smith on the 2016 National Association of Commissions for Women Conference scheduled for July 16th through the 20th on the island of O‘ahu.</u></p> <p>Ms. Smith reported that Mayor Carvalho have graciously approved funding for Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller and Ms. Crowell to attend the conference on O‘ahu. In addition, the State Commission have paid the registration fees for two additional members to attend, in which Ms. Lasker have expressed that she is interested in attending the conference as well, which leaves one more spot open should the Chair choose to attend, and if not, the invitation is open to members of the community as well.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that although she appreciates the offer her schedule will not allow her to attend the conference. With no further discussion, Chair Beck moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
CSW 2016-06	<p><u>Discussion on partnering with other non-profit organizations on legislative and non-legislative issues regardless of whether or not they share the same mission statement as the Committee on the Status of Women.</u></p> <p>Chair Beck stated that at a previous meeting, she made a suggestion that each member email her the names of three organizations and she would create a spreadsheet and send it to Mercedes for distribution among the members, but as of today, she received only one response from Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller. However, after reading the meeting minutes it showed that Vice Chair Yoshi did provide the names of three organizations and with her three names she can now create the spreadsheet.</p> <p>Ms. Lasker pointed out that she thought she already provided the names of three potential organizations to which Chair Beck asked if she made any contact with the organizations she is suggesting to which Ms. Lasker replied, unless she misunderstood, she thought that the Chair only wanted the names of</p>	

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	<p>the organizations and there was no need to contact them at that time.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that although she wanted the names of three organizations it would be useless unless some contact was made with the organizations. Ms. Lasker stated that since she already has nine (9) or twelve (12) names on the list she'll just forego her list because it would probably be on her list anyway, Chair Beck asked if her idea was unnecessary to which Ms. Lasker replied, no and that she would like to past on the discussion.</p> <p>With no further discussion, Chair Beck moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>CSW 2016-07</p>	<p><u>Discussion and decision-making on the possibly of having two (2) showings of the film “Miss South Pacific” in the near future.</u></p> <p>Chair Beck stated that there was a delay in moving this event forward because she was off-island for a period of time; however, Edie has the DVD with her if anyone would like to take it home to see it.</p> <p>Chair Beck stated that at a previous meeting, the members agreed that since there was no definite date on when the Rise of the Wahine film would be released that some of the funds in the State grant could be used to pay for the cost to put on two events; one on the Westside and one in Līhu‘e.</p> <p>Ms. Lasker stated that it would probably be a good idea to defer the discussion to a later time when Ms. Tico is present.</p> <p>Chair Beck called for the motion.</p>	<p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to defer item CSW 2016-07 to a later time and when Ms. Tico is present. Ms. Lasker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0</p>

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CSW 2016-08	<p><u>Discussion and decision-making on replenishing the Committee's inventory of goods and supplies using the remaining the funds in the Committee's FY 2015-2016 Budget.</u></p> <p>Administrator Furfaro informed the members that the deadline to purchase any items was on June 9th. He explained that the County of Kaua'i is what is called a cash accounting system; we don't accrue any budgeted items and there is no accrual for items in your budget. However, subject to the review of the County Council, the Committee might receive a significant increase in upcoming FY 2016-2017 budget.</p>	
Announcements	<p>The next scheduled meeting set for July 20, 2016 was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Members Edie Ignacio-Neumiller, Kathy Crowell and possibly Sharon Lasker will be on O'ahu attending the National Association of Commissions for Women Conference.</p> <p>Ms. Smith requested that a discussion on encouraging the Kaua'i County Council to write a new law that would eliminate all forms of discrimination against women be placed on the August agenda. Also, the next Empowerment Session will be on held on June 28, 2016 at the YWCA Women's Facility in Līhu'e.</p>	
Adjournment		At 5:35 p.m. Chair Beck declared the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: _____
Mercedes Omo, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
Sharon Lasker, Member

(X) Approved as circulated on September 21, 2016
() Approved as amended. See minutes of _____ meeting.